





# AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND

### GREAT LAKES SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and Great Lakes Safety Training Center (GLSTC) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful Michigan workplaces. To that end, MIOSHA and GLSTC hereby form an Alliance to provide GLSTC members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to occupational hazards and addressing "focus four" issues; including falls, electrical, struck-by and caught between/crushed hazards. Additionally, GLSTC will focus on efforts to educate workers and promote the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSH Act). In developing this alliance, MIOSHA and GLSTC recognize that MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division is an integral part of this effort.

The purpose of this alliance is to increase and promote on the job safety and health to GLSTC membership, improve their safety and health systems, and create better communication between GLSTC members and MIOSHA for the benefit of a safer workforce. The greatest value the alliance provides, in addition to the outreach and safety training which GLSTC already committed to, is the ability to continue to connect and educate employers/employees throughout the State of Michigan. GLSTC outreach capability is over 6,000 people.

### Raising Awareness of MIOSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives:

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- Redistribution of applicable MIOSHA construction publications that are in alignment of MIOSHA's strategic goals of reducing fatalities within the construction industry by focusing on the four leading causes of fatalities including but not limited to;
  - o Falls
  - o Electrocutions
  - o Struck-by
  - o Crushed-by/caught-between
- GLSTC will share construction related information on OSHA's National Emphasis Programs, MIOSHA's State Emphasis Programs (SEP) (e.g., Falls SEP), Regulatory Agenda, and opportunities to participate in the rulemaking process.
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers during our training courses.
- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on construction hazards to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on construction safety and health issues.

# **Training and Education**

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

- To work with MIOSHA as needed to further develop quality and effective training and education programs focusing on construction related safety hazards for both workers and employers.
- To encourage worker participation in workplace safety and health by offering quality and relevant safety training requested by our members; either instructor led or online.
- To provide open enrollment on construction related courses that are in alignment with MIOSHAs strategic goals of reducing fatalities within the construction industry by focusing on the four leading causes of fatalities including, but not limited to:
  - o Falls
  - o Electrocutions
  - o Struck-by
  - o Crushed-by/caught-between
- To further educate our contractor members by promoting an understanding of workers' rights, including the use of the MIOSHA complaint process and the responsibilities of employers to communicate such information to workers.

- Promote the alliance and GLSTC activities in the MIOSHA Newsletter, email, messaging, and/or website.
- Work with our area CET consultants and partners for construction, health, and safety by hosting safety-related events/functions such as Prevent Falls, Trench Safety, Stand-Down Days, and Take A Stand Day.
- Provide membership and others with information on MIOSHA programs and initiatives by sharing MIOSHA newsletters, announcements, and website information at all GLSTC-sponsored workplace safety events.
- Recognize association members that participate in MIOSHA programs via MIOSHA newsletter and/or website.

## **Outreach and Communication**

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- Maximize existing infrastructure of communication including contacts via Facebook, GLSTC website, Linked-In, trade shows and exhibits, etc., and association memberships by emphasizing the MIOSHA Alliance.
- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information on falls, electrical, struck-by or caught between/crushed hazards (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and MIOSHA's and GLSTC's websites) to employers and workers in the construction industry.
- Facilitates communication forums, such as the Contractor Owner Safety Meeting, to promote health and safety best practices, provide health & safety networking opportunities and resources that includes MIOSHA content including aspects defined in the MIOSHA Alliance Agreement.
- To speak, exhibit, or appear at MIOSHA's or GLSTC conferences, local meetings, or other CET-sponsored events.
- Promote the MIOSHA Training Institute and MIOSHA cooperative programs to members via email blasts and on websites.
- To work with other alliance participants on current state and national construction hazard issues related to workplace safety needs that can be addressed and developed through the alliance program.

• GLSTC will evaluate the conditions of the industry for appropriate topics and/or hazards pertinent to their membership.

MIOSHA's alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with MIOSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both MIOSHA and its alliance participants. By entering into an alliance with a party, MIOSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

In addition, the members of the alliance will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance. MIOSHA team members will include safety and health consultants from the CET Division.

This alliance agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signing. Any signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of all signatories.

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Signed this 2 day of June, 2021.

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